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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 30, 2002 (Paper No. 8), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims

Please cancel claims 24-44, without prejudice.

REMARKS

Claims 24-44 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 1-23 and 45 remain pending in the application.

REJECTIONS

Rejection of claims 1-23 and 45 under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2 (Office Action ¶4)

Claims 1-23 and 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as the